

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 27 and 33-55 were in the application. Claim 27 has been canceled. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Okada, et al. While not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner, Applicants have canceled Claim 27, rendering this rejection moot.

Applicants note that Claims 33-55 have been found allowable and that the terminal disclaimer has been accepted. Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration and willingness to move this application towards allowance.

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite allowance of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-4365.

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